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Serial No.: 09/555,850

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For: ELECTRONIC CASH SYSTEM

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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/555,850 filed June 5, 2000.

1. [x] Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed including a copy of the signed Declaration and a copy of the drawings.
2. [x] The prior application is assigned to Sony Corporation and the Assignment was recorded on June 5, 2000 at Reel 010887, Frame 0529.
3. [x] Priority of Application(s) No. (s) P10-286341 filed on October 8, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 USC 119.

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- The certified copy in support of the claim of priority has been filed in the Prior Application Serial No. 09/555,850 and acknowledgment thereof is requested.
4. This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown below in parentheses apply.
- b. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims Appearing in the Prior Application,
Less Any Claims Canceled By Amendment Below

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Fee |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Basic Fee | | | \$770 (\$375) |
| Total claims..... | - 20 = | x \$18 (\$ 9) | |
| Independent claims... _____ | - 3 = | x \$86 (\$43) | |

Total Filing Fee.....\$ 770.00

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3125. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
7. Amend claims 1-3 and 6-8.
8. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a division of prior application Serial No. 09/555,850 filed June 5, 2000.--
9. Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application

identified above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to Jay H. Maioli, Reg. No. 27,213, Cooper & Dunham LLP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.
 - a. The power appears in the prior application.
 - b. Address all future communications to:
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11. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.


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I hereby certify that this Application is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313.

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